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SUBJ: CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM : HONG KONG

1. UK IMMIGRATION INFORMS 3 SHIPS WITH TOTAL 75 REFUGEES;
MV GREEN SEA, LIBERIAN FLAG (46) MV TOYAMA, NORWEGIAN
FLAG (19); MV TAI ON, PANAMANIAN FLAG (10) GIVEN PERMISSION
TO LAND REFUGEES HERE AS COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM. THIRTY
TWO REFUGEES RESCUED BY PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSEL MV
YANCEY WERE LANDED HERE JUNE 10. WITH NEW ARRIVALS TOTAL
NUMBER I-C BOAT CASES IN HONG KONG HAS RISEN TO 181.

2. ANOTHER SHIP, THE MV YUVALIA, LIBERIAN FLAG, ATTEMPTED TO
LAND 68 REFUGEES HERE AFTER PICKING THEM UP SOUTH CHINA
SEA JUNE 11. ISRAELI OWNERS WERE INFORMED BY HKG THAT
REFUGEES NOT PERMITTED TO LAND SINCE ORIGINAL
DESTINATION KEE LUNG, TAIWAN AND THAT ROC SHOULD
BE COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM. THERE IS CHANCE
YUVALIA MAY ATTEMPT ENTER HONG KONG ANYWAY, BUT
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MARINE DEPT HAS WARNED AGAINST THIS, SAYING
DEPARTURE MAY NOT BE PERMITTED FOR SAFETY REASONS
AND SHIP MAY BE TIED UP INDEFINITELY UNTIL
REFUGEES CAN BE REMOVED.

3. UNHCR KALA LUMPUR HAS INFORMED HKG HTAT IT
CANNOT OF COURSE PREVAIL UPON TAIWAN AUTHORITIES

TO TAKE REFUGEES. HK IMMIGRATION HAS ASKED WE
USE OUR GOOD OFFICES WITH ROC IN THIS MATTER
- OBVIOUSLY FEARING REFUSAL THERE WILL BRING
SHIP BACK TO HONG KONG. HKG, OF COURSE, UNWILLING
TO APPROACH ROC DIRECTLY,

4. APPRECIATE EMBASSY TAIPEI COMMENTS AND REPORT THIS
MATTER.
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